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Please replace the paragraph at Page 6, line 5 with the following:

FIG. 12A shows a top view of another possible embodiment of the thread dispenser of FIG. 1. This "clam-shell" embodiment has a first and second layer of pockets, 112 and 112A, stacked with center hinges 128 located on one side of the dispenser. The first array of slots 118 is located on the top wall 104 of each layer and can be staggered along the top wall. FIG. 12B shows a top view of a "tri-fold" embodiment of the thread dispenser of FIG. 1. The "tri-fold" embodiment has three layers of pockets, 112, 112A and 112B, stacked with the first array of slots 118 located on the top wall 104 of each layer of pockets and a single handle 108. FIG. 12C shows a top view of another possible embodiment of the thread dispenser of FIG. 1 defined by two stacked layers of pockets 112 and 112A. The second layer of pockets 112A is separated into two halves 112AL and 112AR, which open up by means of hinges 128. The first array of slots 118 is located on the top wall 104 of each layer of pockets.